

THE TIMES-DISPATCH

GENEALOGICAL COLUMN

WEST FAMILY.



WEST COAT-OF-ARMS.

now only survivor, it is ordered that the bodies of the said Master West and his family be reinterred, and that he be exempted from payment thereof during life.

The issue of John West and his wife, Crashaw, were:

(1) Capt. Nathaniel West; when advanced in age, married a girl of sixteen, who after his death married twice. The only issue of Nathaniel and his young wife was Unity West, known as "The Beautiful Unity." She married Col. William Dandridge, of King William, an uncle of Mrs. Martha Washington, and had issue: (1) Nathaniel West, who married Dorothea Spotswood, daughter of Governor Alexander Spotswood; (2) William, who married his cousin, Agnes West, daughter of Thomas West and Jane Cole; (3) Martha, who married Philip Aylett, and had issue: (1) Elizabeth, who married Philip Whitehead Claiborne; (2) Anna, who married a Mr. Dancy; (3) Mary, who married John Spotswood, oldest son of Governor Spotswood, and a brother of Dorothea, who had married his wife's brother Nathaniel.

Through this line can be traced the Aylett, Chamberlayne, Pollard, Spotswoods, and others.

(2) John, second son of Col. John West and Crashaw, married Judith Armstrong, whose only child died without issue.

(3) Anne West, married Henry Fox, Esq.

(4) Capt. Thomas West, of King William. The latter's issue were: (1) Nathaniel, died without issue; (2) Hon. Thomas West, married Martha Cole, died while member of House of Burgesses, 1743-4; inherited West Point from his Uncle John and his wife, Judith Armstrong; had issue, of whom the eldest son, Hon. John West, of West Point, member of House of Burgesses, 1756-59, vestryman of St. John's Parish, 1771, married Elizabeth, daughter of George Sinton, of King William, and had issue: (1) Major Thomas West, settled in Campbell, member House of Delegates, 1801, married Elizabeth Blair, daughter of Robert Bolling, of Cheltenham; (2) John, married Anne Cornick, of Princess Anne, had issue: (3) Delaware, lawyer, died unmarried.

The issue of Major Thomas West and Elizabeth Blair Bluff were: (1) Eliza, married Dr. Joel Flood, of Buckingham, ancestor of Congressman Flood; (2) a daughter, married James S. Jones, of Charlotte.

Returning to the third child of Captain Thomas West, of King William, was Captain Francis West, member of House of Burgesses 1743-45, married widow, Jane Bingham, daughter of Mr. William Cole, of Warwick, and sister to his brother Thomas's wife, Martha Cole; (4) a daughter, who married Richard Gregory, of King William, ancestor of Judge Roger Gregory.

The issue of Hon. Francis West and Jane Bingham were: (1) Agnes, who married her cousin, William Dandridge; (2) Colonel William West, married Letitia Martin, and had issue: (1) Robert, married, first, Miss McKean, and secondly, Mary Beverly Grymes; (2) Thomas, who married Ann, daughter of Colonel Francis Thornton, of Thinking Springs, Gloucester county. This Francis Thornton was son of Colonel Francis Thornton and his wife, Frances Gregory—the three Thornton brothers marrying the three Gregory sisters—Frances, Mildred, and Elizabeth; (3) George, married McKean, sister of his brother Robert's wife, had issue: (4) William, married Miss McLaughlin, and moved to Frankfort, Ky., in 1839, and had issue: (5) Martha, married Colonel James Polkender, of Charlottesville, who had one child, Dr. James West Polkender, the latter left a large family; (6) Mary, married Mr. Robert Dickinson, who left one son.

During the period of the Revolution, the older members of the family sided with the Tories, but they were too old to bear arms. The younger set sided with the Colonists, and bore arms. There are many traditions of the family quarrels growing out of this division of allegiance. Its most visible effect appeared in the withdrawal of the younger set from the Episcopal Church.

The issue of Robert West and his first wife, McKean, were: (1) Major John William West, of Bedford county, who married Maria Scott; (2) Elizabeth, married William Beadles, had issue: (3) Letitia, married William Stout, had issue. The issue of Robert West and his second wife, Mary Beverly Grymes, were: (3) Ariana, married Thomas Rosser, uncle of General Thomas L. Rosser, had issue: (4) Anne, married Joseph Carper, of Botetourt county, had issue: (5) Susan Randolph married Fendall Chiles, of Louisa county, and had issue as follows: (1) Ariana, married her cousin, Francis T. West; (2) Lucy Grymes, married Dr. Ed-

mund Pendleton Goodwin, and had issue: (3) Martha Beverly, married James M. West, and had issue; (4) Fendall West, married Virginia Mendenhall, no issue.

Mary Beverly Grymes, second wife of Robert West, was descended through the Grymeses, the Beverleys, the Harrisons, back to William Randolph and his wife, Elizabeth Beverly, and to Benjamin Harrison and his wife, Anne Carter.

Return to the issue of Thomas West and his wife, Ann Thornton: (1) Thomas, died 1870, unmarried; (2) Martha, married (1849) Major Thomas Campbell, son of Governor Campbell, of Kentucky, had issue one son; (3) Alice, married Fuller Allen, of Missouri, had issue; (4) Susan, married Earl, son of William, of Missouri, had issue; (5) William, died in Mexico, 1850, without issue; (6) Mary, married Dr. A. A. Wolfe, of Illinois, had issue; (7) Robert, married in Texas after Mexican War, had issue; (8) Captain Francis T. West, married, November, 1850, his cousin, Ariana Chiles, the daughter of Susan Randolph West Chiles. In 1850 Thomas West and his wife, Ann Thornton, with their eight children, settled in Missouri. In 1845 this aged couple, with their four sons, and son-in-law, Major Campbell, were invited to join the first company of emigrants from Missouri to California. From upwards of four hundred applicants, these hundred were selected as properly qualified by reason of outfit, health and character, to become members of the expedition. The organization was put under military rule, with Francis T. West as active captain, and ex-Governor Boggs, of Missouri, as honorary captain. Before the emigrants reached California, and while yet in the Rocky Mountains, Colonel John C. Fremont sent an urgent appeal to Captain West for volunteers, assuring him of continuance of the rank of captain. He and his three brothers and brother-in-law at once enlisted as volunteers, all declining any offer, only stipulating that they should remain with the emigrants until the latter were beyond danger from the Indians, and that the four brothers should be assigned to the same company. They continued with Fremont to the end of the Mexican War. Thus for the third time members of this family were active in defense of the country.

In 1850 Captain Francis T. West, as stated above, married his cousin, Ariana Chiles, and settled in Louisiana county, Va. His issue: (1) Judge Thomas P. Fort Worth, Texas, married Mabel Creel, no issue; (2) Alice, married M. A. Allen, had issue—Dr. Frank W. and Mrs. Virginia Beverly Jones; (3) Hon. Frank T. member House of Delegates, 1891-2-3-4, married Emma L. (widow) of George Beverly; (4) Dr. William Beverly West (fourth son of Captain Francis), of the faculty of the University of Medicine, of Fort Worth, married Alice Mensing, of Galveston, and has issue: (5) Colonel George T. lawyer, captain United States Army, Spanish-American War, lieutenant-colonel Texas, national volunteer, married Lillian Calloway, no issue; (6) Susan Randolph, married Dr. Henry Winston Harper, of the faculty of the University of Texas, has issue. This Dr. Harper is a direct descendant of Unity West, Dorothea Spotswood and Patrick Henry.

Return to George West, third son of William West and Letitia Martin; he married a Miss McKean, sister of his brother Robert's wife; had issue: (1) George J., who was father of Mrs. J. Pinkney Williamson; (2) John, died without issue; (3) Dr. Robert, who married Ann E. Scott, sister of his cousin, John W. West's wife, he had issue of sons and daughters: (4) Alexander, married Pamela Scott, cousin of Ann and Maria, no issue; (5) Elizabeth married Dr. Samuel Cary of Gloucester and had issue: (1) Emma, married Beckwith; (2) William, This Samuel Cary is a descendant of the grandfather of Thomas West, Lord Delaware, the emigrant.

Major John W. West, of Bedford Co., and his wife, Martha Scott, had issue: (1) Hon. Thomas S., member of House of Delegates, 1885-6 and in 1896 married Sally Polkender, had issue: (1) Sidney married, (2) Dr. Thomas P. married, son, (3) Lieut. Eugene R., graduate West Point, wounded in Philippines, Spanish-American War; (4) Frank married Lucy Patterson; (5) Josephine married Brokenborough; (6) Edgar, (7) Sally, (8) Ashton. (2) Mary J., daughter of Major J. W. West, married Major James E. Robertson, had issue: (6) Sally died, (7) Alexander married Charlotte Winston and has issue: (8) Elizabeth, (9) Nancy married Marable, no issue; (10) John William married Mary, daughter of John Bell Winfree of Lynchburg, and have the following issue: (1) J. Winfree University of Virginia, (2) Beverly, (3) William, (4) Henry, (5) Edward, (6) Mary, (7) Charles, (8) Alexander.

In the Confederate Army were at least twenty within the third degree of cousins of the Wests, and there were two—a captain and a lieutenant—in the Spanish-American War.

Bridges.

Editor Genealogical Column: Can you tell me in your paper anything of the Bridges family? They were driven from Scotland by the persecutions of the Protestants, by the Catholics, and settled in Virginia and North Carolina.

M. E. F.

Greenville, N. C.

David Bridges is thought to have been the first immigrant, but what year is not known. The family first settled in New Kent county, where they are mentioned in county records 1721. The family were also in Hanover in 1738, the Rio Charles Bridges being located there. Later they were settled in Spotsylvania, William Bridges being the first; he died there 1792, having sons Matthew and Thomas Bridges, and daughters Mary and Ann. The latter married William Vigor, Thomas Bridges had a son, also named William. The names of John and Joseph Bridges, from 1722 to 1798, were of another branch. David Bridges was in the Colonial service 1756; and Anthony Bridges was a captain in regiment from Westmoreland county, 1690.

They have no arms, and have left no records of descent.

Baldwin.

Editor Genealogical Column: The Virginia histories (see Burd, Volume I, page 242), recount the heroic defense of his family and home made by "Mr. Baldwin" at Warrenton upon

the uprising of Indians in and about Jamestown, March 22, 1621. Young, in "The Site of Old Jamestown," speaks of a patent of land to John Baldwin, 1665, which included the site of the old block-house. Please inform me whether the "Hero of 1622" and the patentee of 1665 were one and the same? When did Baldwin of Warrenton die?

Can you give me the names of his wife and children?

Have you ever published any notes on the Nalle family of Orange and Culpeper counties? If so please give the dates of appearance.

M. WASHINGTON. The "Mrs. Baldwin" and John Baldwin, of 1658, we consider the same person, and was no doubt the first immigrant. We can find no records of his family, nor the date of his death.

Nothing has yet been printed on the Nalle family of Orange and Culpeper.

Overton.

Editor Genealogical Column: I am working your question in Times-Dispatch of January 6, 1907, my grand-father was Thomas Carlton Overton. His father was Captain Moses Overton, and I have always understood they were from Prince Edward and Amelia counties. I would like to know who Moses Overton's father was, and if possible, to trace the family back by name to the landing of the five Overtons, which you claim in your column of October 28 and November 26, 1906, to be Isaac and Richard Overton, who landed in New York in 1633. You also said they had arms. I would like to know by whose name the arms were conferred originally, and how did they gain the right to them.

Columbia, S. C.

It is a difficult matter to get a continuous record of any family from the landing of the immigrant to the present time, unless the record has been kept by the family and handed down. In England it is not so difficult, for there the family of each pair is strictly recorded and handed down in the Herald's College of Arms.

The Overton arms were no doubt bestowed by the King upon some member of the family for prowess in battle or some particular service, the right to which becomes perpetual to their descendants.

Champe.

The following items and corrections are given in addition to a former article on the Champe family:

(1) Sarah Champe, wife of Edward Carter, of "Blenheim," Albemarle county, Va., was not the daughter of William Champe, of Fredericksburg, but his niece, being the daughter of his brother, John Champe, of "Lamb's Creek," King George county. The latter, Champe died 1783, leaving a large landed estate, and three children:

1. William, who died 1781; no issue.
2. John, died before death of William; no issue.
3. Sarah, who married Edward Carter, of Albemarle, and left issue.

For the above facts, see will of John Champe, of King George county, Va., Vol. I, page 165, of Call's Virginia Reports. Another daughter of John Champe was Jane Champe, first wife of Samuel Washington, the younger brother of General Washington. Jane (Champe) Washington died before her father. She left no issue.

John Champe, of Revolutionary fame, was not the same as the son of John Champe, of King George, but was a native of Loudoun county, Va., to which county he returned after 1783, and dwelt there some years, until he removed to Kentucky, where he died. (See Historical Collections, page 355, of 1849.)

Tinsley—A Mistake.

Several months ago there appeared in the Genealogical Column an absolutely correct list of the daughters of Benjamin Harrison, Sr., and his wife, Anne Carter. There was also a perfectly correct list of the daughters of Benjamin Harrison, Jr., the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Later, a communication signed "H." was published in the column, in which "H." stated that Benjamin Harrison, Sr., had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Tinsley. Will "H." tell us where any old records can be found which will prove such a marriage? The Elizabeth Harrison who married Mr. Tinsley could not have been a descendant of Benjamin Harrison, Sr., and Anne Carter.

A correct list of their children and more remote descendants can be found on the Carter family tree. This list is taken from old records. No descendant of Benjamin Harrison and Anne Carter ever married a Tinsley. Perhaps a daughter of one of the brothers of Benjamin Harrison, Sr., may have married a Mr. Tinsley. The old records of the Harrison family would show if this is a fact.

Sundry Queries.

Will the editor of The Times-Dispatch kindly state:

1. Where Bewke's General Armory may be consulted?
2. Also Robertson's "Pechontas and her descendants."
3. Will you give a short account of the Andersons, of Mathews county?
4. Can you give Harmanson (of Accomac), arms?
5. Can you tell me anything of the Granville family? Respectfully,

A READER.

Answering list and 2d. In the State Library at Richmond.

3. A sketch of the Anderson family was given January 6, 1907, in this column. The Andersons of Mathews county, cannot be traced.

4. The Harmanson family are mentioned in very early Colonial history, but no arms can be found for them.

5. The name of Granville does not appear in any of our works.

Binford.

Editor Genealogical Column: Will you kindly publish in an early issue an account of the "Binford family," especially the branch from which the late Captain Napoleon B. Binford was descended from, and oblige.

M. L. J.

This is a very old family, which was living in Henrico county previous to 1735. As soon as space will allow something will be given of them.

Bays.

Editor Genealogical Column: Can you give me any information regarding the "Bays family," several of whose members lived in Henrico county, and very little about them, and would thank you very much to give me all you can regarding them.

A REGULAR READER.

This is more of a modern family, as they are not mentioned in it in old records of the Colonial period, in which we deal particularly, but what can be found of them will soon be given.

Nelson.

"K. A. P." asks for the maiden name of the widow, Mrs. Tucker, who married the emigrant, Thomas Nelson, the famous "Scotch Tom," of Yorktown, Va. This Thomas Nelson was born in Cumberland county, England, in 1677. He emigrated to Virginia when a young man; he was twice married—first to Margaret Reed; second, to Frances Tucker (nee Courtney). Issue of the first marriage: two sons and one daughter. Issue of second marriage: one daughter.

The oldest son of the emigrant, Thomas Nelson, was the celebrated William Nelson, president of the Colonial Council (born 1711; died 1772). William Nelson married Elizabeth Burwell (1737). The second

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and youngest son of the emigrant, was Thomas Nelson, Jr. (born 1716; died 1786). He married Lucy Armstrong; not a Miss Cary, as "K. A. P." has heard. What is the date of William Cary Nelson's birth? It might not be difficult to find the parentage of William Cary Nelson, so famous a family as that of Thomas Nelson (of Cumberland, England), is likely to have preserved its records. "K. A. P." the writer has heard that the family of William Cary Nelson is the same as the Nelson family of Yorktown.

Is not the record of the Yorktown Nelsons to be found in the books of the Virginia Historical Society? There are other Nelsons in Virginia who are not related to the Nelsons of York county, Va. There was one, Edward Nelson, of Essex county, England, who emigrated to Virginia in 1718. He married a Miss Garland, of New Kent county. This Edward Nelson founded a family, which is not connected with the Thomas Nelson family, of Yorktown.

Leslie.

Editor Genealogical Column: Will you tell me through your very interesting column, what you know of the Leslie family of Virginia? It is from this family that our distinguished neighbor, Bishop Granberry, is descended on his maternal side. Thanking you in advance.

Jeter.

This family has the high honor of having the Rev. Dr. J. B. Jeter as one of its descendants. To all who remember Dr. Jeter, to be connected with him in

any way, is a far greater distinction than any patent of nobility can confer. Old records of "Religious Herald" will remember that many years ago Dr. Jeter published in that paper an article on "The First Families in Virginia." That article was written in reply to some statements of the Northern papers. Dr. Jeter mentioned no names, but asserted that there were families in Virginia of truly noble birth, though, he added, that his own family did not belong to the aristocratic class. It is to be hoped that all genealogists may imitate the reverend Doctor's sincerity. There has never been any doubt of the great moral and intellectual superiority of the Jeter family.

AN INTERESTED READER. The above article of Dr. Jeter, is remembered as being written just after the Civil War, in reply to some scoffing remarks by the Northern papers against the lineage and principles of the "First Families in Virginia," and it is a pleasure to read how nobly the good old Doctor held up the principles and superior ability of the leading families in the State, which are still maintained by their descendants.

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